

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head: 704 – Drainage

Subhead: 4326DS

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question: The estimate provision for the 4326DS project has been reduced from \$1,932,000 in 2007-08 to \$100,000 in 2008-09. What are the reasons for such a reduction in estimate? What is the latest progress of the project? Will the project be delayed with the reduction?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

As the works under Public Works Programme item 4326DS “Central and East Kowloon sewerage, sewage treatment and disposal – advance housing related works” were substantially completed in October 2006, only \$1.932 million was expected to be spent in 2007-08 on minor outstanding works. The much smaller expenditure estimate in 2008-09 is for settlement of the final account. After all remaining payments are made, the project account will be finalised in 2008-09.

Signature _____

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Post Title _____ Director of Drainage Services

Date _____ 20 March 2008